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## Message from **An Cathaoirleach**



Welcome to the latest edition of the dlr Times which provides information on the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan and we want to hear your ideas! The Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan will be our directional chart for decades to come guiding how we want to use, develop and enjoy the Harbour, and its environs.

Applications for 51 Affordable Homes at Shanganagh Castle are now open, and we advise that you check whether you are eligible to apply. We have several events running as part of the Open House Dublin Architectural Festival in October, including "Breathing New Life into Old Buildings" on the 19 October that will showcase examples of vacant buildings that have been transformed into new homes and the incentives and supports available. You can also find information on dlr grants 2025 which provides financial assistance to communities across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Coming later this year will be Ireland's largest light show Wonder Lights at Marlay Park and an Alpine skate trail at Dún Laoghaire Harbour. Keep up-to-date via our website and social channels.

**CLLR. JIM O'LEARY** 



## **CoCo Markets**

PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR **LEXICON**, Dún Laoghaire Sunday 11am-4pm

**MARLAY PARK** 

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 11am-4pm



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1800 724 724

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## Your dlr parks

#### **BLACKROCK PARK**

TIME: Open Access

#### **CABINTEELY PARK**

TIMES: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov — Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May — Aug 8am to 10.30pm

#### **DEER PARK**

TIME: Open Access

#### **FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS**

TIME: 9am - 6pm

## **KILBOGGET PARK**

TIME: Open Access

## **KILLINEY HILL PARK**

TIME: Open Access

#### **MARLAY PARK**

TIME: Sep 9am to 8pm | Oct 9am to 6pm | Nov — Jan 9am to 5pm Feb — Mar 9am to 6pm | Apr 9am to 9pm | May - Aug 9am to 10pm

#### PEOPLE'S PARK

TIME: Dec — Mar 8am to 4.30pm Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm | Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct — Nov 8am to 7.30pm

## **SHANGANAGH PARK**

TIME: Open Access

## Recycling information

#### **BALLYOGAN RECYCLING**

Ballyogan Road

**TELEPHONE:** 01 291 3600 **TIME:** Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm. **CLOSED:** Christmas Eve — St.

#### **EDEN PARK RECYCLING**

Summerhill Road, Glasthule

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm. **CLOSED:** Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

#### **SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE**

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

**TIME:** Mon — Thur 8.30am to 4pm Public Holidays.

# Your **dlr** libraries

#### dlr Lexicon

Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. A96 H283 **TEL:** 01 280 1147

**TIME:** Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12pm – 4pm Self-service only

#### **BLACKROCK**

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#### **CABINTEELY\***

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TIME: Mon. Wed. Fri\* or Sat\* 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

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41 Castle Street Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A96 AK28 **TEL:** 01 285 5317

**TIME:** Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

#### **DEANSGRANGE\*\***

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange, Dublin 18. D18 NY58 TEL: 01 285 0860 TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm

#### DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14. D14 VP97 **TEL:** 01 298 5000 **TIME:** Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm |

#### SHANKILL\*

Fri & Sat 9.30am-5pm

Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. D18 DX43 TEL: 01 282 3081 TIME: Fri\* or Sat\* 9.30am—5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

#### **STILLORGAN**

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan Shopping Centre. A94 PR90 **TEL:** 01 288 9655 **TIME:** Mon – Wed 9.30am – 5pml

Thurs 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am — 1pm & 2pm — 5pm

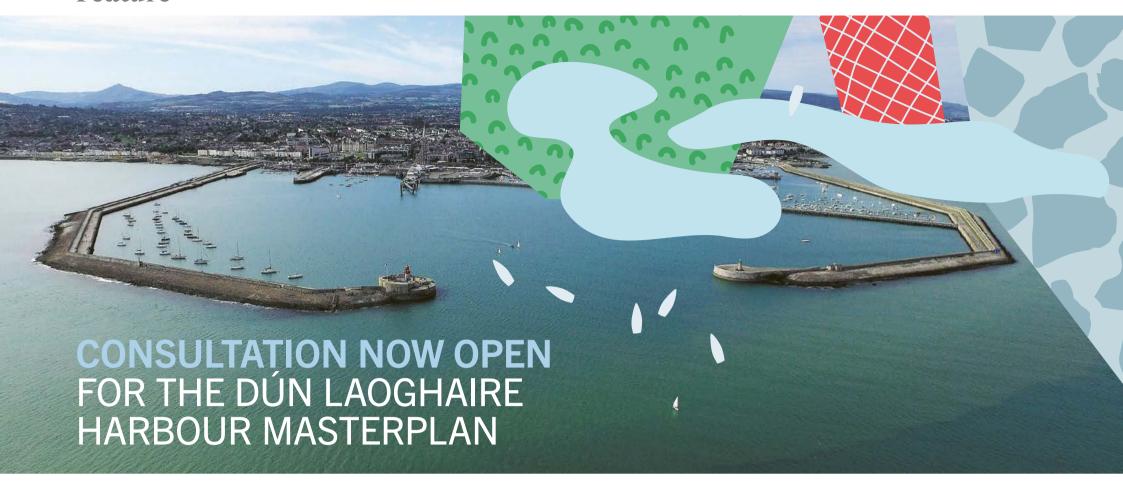
- Open either Friday or Saturday please contact relevant branch/see website for further details.
- \*\* My Open Library service: extended staffless opening hours, starting at 8am and finishing at 10pm, 7 days a week — you need to sign up in the branch during staffed hours.
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday, except for My Open Library service

#### HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We are committed to ensuring your voice is heard when it comes to the decisions that affect you & your neighbourhood in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Our consultation and engagement platform <u>dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay</u> allows you to have your say and tell us what your priorities and concerns are for the County.



#### Feature



**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are embarking** on an exciting journey to shape the future of our iconic Harbour, and we need you on board!

The Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan will be our directional chart for decades to come guiding how we want to use, develop and enjoy the Harbour, and its environs. The Masterplan area comprises 50 acres of land and 200 acres of sea within the historic Harbour walls.





Our Harbour is a dynamic, multi-functional environment offering a blend of recreation, tourism, maritime, fishing and commercial activities. We want to continue to support and enhance existing uses, whilst exploring new opportunities in the Masterplan area.

There are opportunities to increase public access to the Harbour and its waters, celebrate Dún Laoghaire's unique heritage, increase vitality and recreation, boost tourism and the local economy, create better linkages with the town, and to address climate action and improve biodiversity.

While some of the land around Harbour has long-term tenants or is privately owned, the Harbour does have significant opportunity sites. These could be repurposed for different uses – recreation, heritage, tourism, accommodation or commercial.

We want to hear your ideas on what you think could work!

#### How you can take part in the consultation

- Visit dlrcoco.citizenspace.com and fill in the short survey on-line or e-mail submissions to harbour@dlrcoco.ie
- Submissions can also be made in writing to: Harbour Section, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
- All postal and email submissions should be marked 'Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan' and must be received by 23 October 2024.



Listen to our latest podcast where we are joined by Harbour Operation Manager Tim Ryan. Learn more about the history of

Dún Laoghaire Harbour and the process of developing the Harbour Masterplan which is a long-term strategy for the future of the Harbour. http://dlrcoco.ie/insight



# A message from An Cathaoirleach, Jim O'Leary

The start of my term as Cathaoirleach has been both busy and rewarding, with a clear focus on community, housing, and climate change. It has been a pleasure to attend numerous openings and launches that directly benefit citizens across the County in these critical areas.

"I was joined by An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, and Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, to officially open Phase One of the 597 new homes at Shanganagh Castle."

Housing remains one of my top priorities. I am proud to have been part of several projects that delivered high-quality social housing. During the summer, 22 A2-rated homes were completed in Cookstown Lane, Kilternan, marking a significant milestone for affordable and sustainable living. In September, I had the honour of launching 120 A-rated, social-rented homes at Crofters Quarter in Deansgrange. More recently, I was joined by An Taoiseach, Simon Harris, and

Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, to officially open Phase One of the 597 new homes at Shanganagh Castle. This phase includes 51 affordable purchase houses and 195 cost-rental apartments, alongside 35 social homes. These developments demonstrate our commitment to addressing housing needs while ensuring quality and sustainability. The remaining 316 homes will be delivered in two phases by 2025, continuing our efforts to meet housing demand across the County.

In September, I had the privilege of launching the Community Climate Action Programme and meeting all the successful applicants and groups. I wish to acknowledge the hard work that they have done to prepare their applications and wish them well with their climate action projects, that will no doubt benefit everyone!

We are also in the process of developing the new 2024-2029 Corporate Plan which will set out the vision and priorities for the County over the next five years, ensuring that we remain focused on delivering progress in areas such as housing, infrastructure, community development, and public services.

On the international stage, we are progressing a new friendship agreement with Palo Alto, California. This partnership aims to strengthen our ties and foster opportunities for mutual learning and cooperation across various sectors, including business, education, and technology.

As I look ahead to the remainder of 2024, I remain dedicated to championing projects that will enhance the quality of life in our County. I look forward to continuing to engage with the community and experience all that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has to offer.

**CLLR. JIM O'LEARY** 

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# A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

It has been a busy start to Autumn, as we welcomed the newly elected councillors and launched the first homes at Shanganagh Castle, which include affordable purchase, cost rental and social homes. This site was originally purchased by dlr for the development of housing and a Local

"The development will be the largest residential scheme in Europe certified to achieve the 'passive house' low energy use standard."

Area Plan was developed to support the strategic development of the Shanganagh/Woodbrook area. The development will be the largest residential scheme in Europe certified to achieve the 'passive house' low energy use standard. In addition, we opened 120 high quality, A-rated social homes at Crofters Court, Deansgrange which will provide comfortable homes for individuals, couples and families.

Recently we awarded €883,000 to community groups across the area to support projects that address the negative effects of climate change. The projects included energy retrofits and the installation of solar panels on community buildings and sports clubs, lighting upgrades, community gardens and composting facilities, bike racks, a cargo bike library, tree planting initiatives, and rainwater harvesting systems, among other projects.

We also announced our new, ambitious Tourism Strategy aimed at transforming the County into a top tourist destination by 2028 and our councillors adopted the new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 which is a shared and integrated plan that will guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next number of years while also allowing us to address new and changing priorities.

Works have commenced on the Glenamuck District Road Scheme (GDDR) which will take two years to complete and the first phase of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan is now open for submissions, and we hope that you will get involved by sending us your ideas about the future of the Harbour.

This Autumn we have a variety of events for everyone to enjoy including Open House Dublin, the annual Samhain Halloween walk and the Alpine skate trail at Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

### FRANK CURRAN

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## Applications open for Affordable Homes at **Shanganagh Castle, Shankill**

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (dlr) and the Land Development Agency (LDA) have officially launched the first of the new homes at Shanganagh Castle Estate in Shankill, Co Dublin. The estate involves a total of 597 high-quality houses and apartments including affordable purchase, cost rental and social homes. The new development, delivered by the dlr in partnership with the LDA ahead of time and on budget, is the largest public housing project in years.

Prices for the affordable purchase homes will start at €334.600 while rents for the cost rental apartments will start from €1250. Eligible buyers can apply to purchase the 51 houses on Wednesday 9 October from 12noon, while the application portal for the 195 cost rental apartments will open later this year.

The new homes will be launched in phases. Phase one includes:

- 51 affordable purchase houses,
- 195 cost rental apartments and
- 35 social apartments.

The 51 affordable purchase houses include 21 two-bed and 30 three-bed homes. The 195 cost rental apartments include 19 studios, 40 one-beds, 107 two-beds and 29 three-bed apartments. These will be made available alongside the social homes, which include 18 one-bed, eight two-bed, seven threebed and two four-bed homes. The remaining 316 homes, all of which are apartments, will be made available in two subsequent phases in 2025.

The affordable purchase homes are being made available under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme, which enables eligible buyers to bridge the gap between the price of the house and the amount of personal funds and maximum mortgage available to them. The scheme, jointly run by dlr and the LDA involves a shared equity arrangement, which effectively lowers the upfront cost and enables dir to hold an equity interest in the property until it is repaid, or the house is sold.











#### **Application Process**

The portal for applications for the 51 affordable purchase homes at Shanganagh Castle Estate opens on Wednesday 9 October at midday. Applicants are urged to carefully examine the details on dlrcoco.ie/affordablehomes and to ensure their application includes all necessary information. More details on the homes can be found at www.shanganaghcastle.ie

The application process for the cost rental homes at Shanganagh Castle Estate will open later this year.



Scan the QR code to find out more

### **Public Information**

## **New Council 2024**

The Local Elections took place back earlier this year, with 40 Councillors elected to serve their communities. At the annual meeting held in June, Cllr Jim O'Leary was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr Kazi Ahmed was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach. Of the forty Councillors, thirty had served on the previous Council, with the ten incoming elected members coming from all six electoral areas.



In Blackrock, Dan Carson (Fine Gael) and Conor Dowling (Green Party) were elected for the first time while Thomas Joseph (Labour) and JP Durkan (Fine Gael) replaced Juliet O'Connell and Dave Quinn in Dún Laoghaire. There was only one seat change in Dundrum as Robert Jones (Green Party) was elected and John Hurley (Social Democrats) was newly elected in Stillorgan.

Pierce Dargan (Fine Gael) and Kevin Daly (Non-Party) now represent the Glencullen-Sandyford ward with Jacqueline Burke (Fine Gael) and Dave O'Keeffe (People before Profit) now in Killiney/Shankill.

The changes saw Fine Gael increase their representation from 13 to 15 Councillors while seats for Fianna Fáil dropped from 7 to 5. The Green Party remained steady at 6 seats while Labour's representation fell slightly from 6 to 5 with the retirement from public life of previous Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan.

In total, 27 men and 13 women were elected in 2024 with the overall turnout on the day being 77,013. With a total electorate in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown of 176,321, this represents a valid poll of just under 43.7%. The electoral area of Dundrum had the highest turnout of 46.1% with the lowest being recorded in Killiney-Shankill, who reached the 41.4%.



## **Hedge & Tree Cutting**

We would like to remind members of the public of the importance of keeping their hedges cut along public roads and footpaths. If any part of your hedge borders a road or footpath, it is your responsibility to keep it trimmed back so it doesn't encroach on the road or footpath and risk injury to passers-by. You should be mindful that someone in a wheelchair or with a buggy must be able to pass easily without the need to step into the road. Hedges should be trimmed as high as possible to mitigate the risk of more vulnerable people such as the visually impaired or those in wheelchairs who might catch their face or clothes. You must also ensure that your hedge does not obscure any road signs.

1 September to 28 February is the permitted time to trim your hedges before the birds start to nest and while there are still no new leaves. Landowners are encouraged to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity on all their hedgerows (including non-roadside hedges) and information on this is available on pollinators.ie. If you wish to report an issue relating to trees or hedges please contact us at <a href="mailto:dlrcoco.ie">dlrcoco.ie</a> or by email <a href="mailto:info@dlrcoco.ie">info@dlrcoco.ie</a>

## Cleansing update for Autumn

As Autumn approaches the annual deep clean of the N11 will take place, with sweeping, weeding and gully cleaning services deployed over several weekends in October. The DLR Road Sweeping schedules will be temporarily suspended from the start of October 2024 to enable the sweeping crews to concentrate on heavy leaf fall areas within the County. During the Autumn and Winter months each year, we suspend all sweeping schedules and deploy the entire road sweeping operation to focus on leaf collection throughout the county. Areas with higher densities of trees and vegetation are targeted with more frequent sweeping.

In particular areas sensitive to flooding, highly pedestrianised areas, cycle lanes and busy roads are prioritised. In addition, requests for service from the public also are prioritised. If at any stage a resident would like to request a visit by a road sweeper to manage leaf fall, this can be arranged by contacting info@dlrcoco.ie or phoning 01 205 4700.

The Road Sweeping Schedules will most likely be reinstated in late January 2025 when the majority of the leaf fall has already occurred.



# Did you know that the electoral process has changed?

The Electoral Reform Act came into force in 2022. Even if you are already registered, you now should add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode. This will allow your local authority to confirm your details and ensure the accuracy of the electoral register.

If you have changed address recently or someone in your household has moved out or turned 16, please update your details online or contact us directly.

A person may pre-register from the age of 16 years of age, however they will not be able to vote until they are 18.

How can I update my details or register to vote for the first time?

Please check <u>www.Voter.ie</u> (Dublin only) or <u>www.checktheregister.ie</u> (nationwide).

Please email us at <u>registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie</u> or telephone 01 205 4880.



## **Excellence in Local Government Awards 2024**

We have been shortlisted in the annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for the following projects:

- Creative Brainwaves-Ageing well in dlr! In the Age Friendly Initiative category.
- dlr Inclusive Water Sports Camps 2023 in the Health & Wellbeing category.
- Nature and Place in the Sustaining the Arts category.
- Myrtle Square & Convent Lane in the Urban Revival category.

The Excellence in Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Award winners announced in November.

### **Public Information**



## **Open House Dublin, Architecture Festival**

This year, the Open House Dublin festival of architecture holds a mirror to Dublin city and county, inviting you to debate and discuss all that you see, hear and feel. From the harbour to the home, join in from October 12–20, tours, conversations, exhibitions, studio visits, workshops and more. There are opportunities to access our built environment and bring people together to talk, learn, listen, experience and enjoy architecture.

Locally, there is the prospect of developing outdoor play ideas at a workshop in the Samuel Beckett Community Centre or joining an architect-led tour of the Dún Laoghaire Baths, winner of the Architectural Review (AR) Public Awards 2024.

You could take part in one of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour walks, the pop-up exhibition in the dlr LexIcon and join in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour discussion. The 'Bringing Back Homes - Creative and Sustainable Ways to Revitalise Old Buildings into a Home' event will showcase four examples of vacant buildings that have been transformed into new homes.

#### **Breathing New Life into Old Buildings**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is hosting a free event on Saturday 19 October, that will showcase four examples of vacant buildings that have been transformed into new homes and the incentives and supports available. The 'Bringing Back Homes - Creative and Sustainable Ways to Revitalise Old Buildings into a Home' event is part of the Open House Dublin, architecture festival.

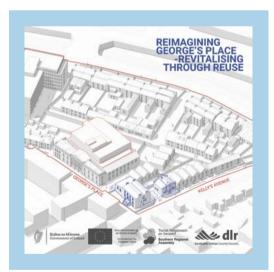
Architects and building professionals will present their transformative projects that have creatively re-developed vacant shops and offices into homes in Dún Laoghaire.

Dr. Kathleen Stokes from Dublin City University will present findings from the 2024 research report 'Opportunities and challenges of vacant above the shop units for residential use in Ireland'. Exploring the potential of underutilised or vacant buildings helps address some of the challenges of the housing shortage and climate action. Oliver Kinnane from UCD Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, will moderate the discussion. Pre-booking is required for all events on openhousedublin.com

## **Public Consultation:**

## 'Reimagining George's Place - Revitalising through Reuse'

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received funding under strand 1 of THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme funding for an integrated urban study for George's Place and Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. The aim of this study titled 'Reimagining George's Place - Revitalising through Reuse' is to identify uses and develop a feasibility study for no. 9 George's Place and the adjacent former washhouse on Kelly's Avenue, two local authority owned buildings.



Previously these protected structures have been occupied as a hotel, a wash house, council stores and offices. As part of this project, we are inviting everyone to take part in an online public consultation survey (open until 31 October) where we are listening to and gathering information from a wide range of stakeholders and potential users to support the future development of new facilities at this location. To have your say please visit https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/

As part of the Open House Festival there will also be a drop-in workshop on Saturday, 19 October from 1:30pm to 3pm in the former Wash House building, where we are asking for your opinions about the future use of these remarkable buildings. This THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme project has been initiated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Architects. 'Reimagining George's Place' is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027.





## **Energy Retrofit of Glasthule Buildings**

We are currently carrying out an energy retrofit project on Glasthule Buildings. Built in the early 1900's, Glasthule Buildings contains 75 apartments in three blocks that are reserved for older people. Our work this year is focusing on 48 of the apartments in two of the blocks and includes external insulation on the rear and side walls, insulation on the flat roof, blocking of fireplaces, new double-glazed windows to the rear, removal of gas boilers and installation of 5Kw heat pumps.

Due to the historic nature of the building, external wall insulation is not being used on the front façade. Instead, internal wall insulation, new double glazed timber sash windows and hardwood doors are being installed to maintain the historic look and feel of the buildings.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the residents in Glasthule Buildings for their patience and co-operation during the work.

## dlr Sports Partnership

dlr Sports Partnership works with a range of partner agencies in the County to improve access to participation for all, increase the quality of the activity experience, promote the greater utilisation of facilities and implement local initiatives for target groups that have lower rates of participation. It organises and delivers a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, abilities and sports.





## dlr Inclusive Summer Water Camps shortlisted for Excellence in Local Government Awards

dlr Sports Partnership partnered with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Active Connections and the Royal St. George Yacht Club to bring the dlr Inclusive Summer Water Camps to Dun Laoghaire once again in 2024.

We are delighted to announce that these inclusive camps have been shortlisted for the Excellence in Local Government Awards 2024 in the Health & Wellbeing category.

The camps run over 5 weeks from June to July with over 80 children with complex needs attending. Our partner Active Connections, provide staff who are trained specifically in the area of inclusive outdoor activities and they provide a buddy or 1:1 support system for each child attending. This way, each child builds a positive rapport and relationship with their 'buddy' which helps ensure that they feel safe, supported and get the best from each day.

Many of the children who attend our camps do not get the opportunity to access mainstream camps. The aim of our camps is to remove barriers and meet the needs of these children by providing accessible, enjoyable and safe opportunities for all, through a range of water-based activities such as kayaking, sailing, water safety, exploring and group fun games.

Participants included children with a range of different needs such as visual and physical impairments and several neurodiverse conditions.

This project is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



Scan the QR code to find out more

## dlr and Tennis Ireland to pilot "Access Tennis"

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is excited to be working in collaboration with Tennis Ireland on a new initiative, Access Tennis, aimed at making tennis more accessible and available to local residents. Access Tennis aims to ensure the security, operational efficiency, and accessibility of community tennis facilities, while promoting and



increasing tennis participation and engagement within local communities.

This collaboration between dlr and Tennis Ireland represents a significant step forward in making tennis more accessible and inclusive for everyone in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

This initiative, will highlight available tennis courts across the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, make them easier to book and offer community coaching, as well as organised games and coaching for local schools and community groups with improved access for people with disabilities. A key component of this partnership is a pilot programme at Beckett Park, Cherrywood, which will test new strategies for improving access to and usage of the tennis courts over a twelve-month period.

## **Bathing Water Quality - Research** and Development with UCD

As part of the Dublin Bay Bathing Water Task Force (BWTF), we have recently entered into an agreement with University College Dublin (UCD) to progress research and development in bathing water quality. The project will progress the findings from the Acclimatize project which established that bathing water quality in Dublin Bay is predominantly influenced by nearshore rather than offshore events. The most important contributors to poor water quality are in order of importance: human, dog and bird fouling. Human faecal pollution is predominantly derived from polluted rivers and streams discharging into the bay.

The project will include water quality surveillance of the Elm Park and Trimleston streams to inform local authority activities. It will also provide microbial source tracking of water samples with high levels of E. coli and/or intestinal enterococci across bathing areas, rivers and streams to determine the contributions of dog, gull and human faecal pollution and will include an assessment of Seapoint Beach to ascertain the faecal indicator bacteria loading from various sources.

This collaboration will enable us to expand our knowledge and understanding of bathing water quality in Dublin Bay and will advise future measures and practices in optimizing bathing water quality management.

## **Christmas events coming soon** to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown!





Lace up your skates for the Alpine Skate Trail at Dún Laoghaire Harbour which will open in November or enjoy Ireland's largest light show Wonder Lights at Marlay Park starting from 14 November featuring iconic displays, wondrous installations and magical creatures, get ready to be amazed.

There will be a host of host of exciting attractions in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown including festive lights, the giant bauble trail and Santa boxes. Visitors can look forward to a delightful and nostalgic Christmas fun fair and a magical Santa experience at the Maritime Museum along with carol singing at Myrtle Square. Make sure to mark your calendars for all the festive fun and stay tuned for more details on Santa's arrival in Dún Laoghaire at the end of November.

#### **Public Information**



# **Competition**<a href="Samhain Haunted Forest Walk">Samhain Haunted Forest Walk</a>



four family passes to our annual event at Marlay Park? Not for the faint hearted, this will be a free fright fest of spooky thrills and chills in our haunted forest on **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October**. Each pass will consist of six complimentary passes which will allow 6 people to enter the Haunted Forest. To enter all you have to do is sign up for the dlr Times by email by Monday 21 October. Best of luck! dlrcoco.ie/samhaincomp

Would you like to be the winner of one of



## Keep safe this Halloween

We would like to appeal to residents and businesses alike for their assistance in ensuring this Halloween is safe and enjoyable for everybody.

Leading up to Halloween, our Environmental Enforcement Wardens, along with our cleansing and parks staff, are vigilant in keeping an eye out for stockpiled bonfire material. The uncontrolled burning of waste in a bonfire is an illegal, costly, and dangerous practice. We would like to appeal to residents to be vigilant and report any stockpiling of waste. Please note that allowing unpermitted waste collectors to remove waste is an offence and could incur a fine of up to €5,000. Any materials that are likely to be taken and used for bonfires should be stored safely and securely, or disposed of correctly, prior to Halloween.

We encourage everyone to report stockpiling of bonfire waste by calling 01 205 4700, 01 677 8844 after hours/weekends), or report an issue on <a href="www.dlrcoco.ie">www.dlrcoco.ie</a>, or email info@dlrcoco.ie.

## dlr staff profile



# Tadgh McLiam IRISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

#### How do you start your day?

Before leaving home I'd try to eat something filling like porridge oats with banana, jam etc but usually, it's hard to get up and I have to beat the traffic! Luckily the canteen has plenty for breakfast so usually I'll grab maybe a yoghurt with peaches & granola and of course some much-needed coffee.

#### What do you do?

I am the Irish language development officer here at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council . My job is to promote the Irish language and to support its use throughout the county. I'm also the go-to point of contact for any person or groups who need help with anything Irish related — from translating signs to teaching people how to say 'Chonas atá tú?'.

#### What is your typical workday like?

I began relatively recently in the position, but a typical day can be quite varied, it can be anything from assisting colleagues with document translations, helping local groups and investigating complaints submitted to An Coimisinéir Teanga about signs or notices within the county, to working on the naming of new developments to make sure they adhere to the most current Irish language legislation.

#### What is the most difficult part of your job?

The most difficult part would probably be trying to convince everyone that Irish isn't just a subject you struggled through in school — it's vibrant, informative and has a lot that a person can learn from it. And no, Google Translate doesn't always get it right!

#### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Seeing people engage positively with the language and the world that that opens up for them. For example, Irish language place names have a rich history and can be very informative about that particular area. They can be a window into what life was like at that time. To give an example; Leopardstown is Baile na Lobhar or town of the lepers from when St Stephen's Leper Hospital moved from the St Stephen's Green area to the Dublin foothills to avoid spreading infection in the city in the 14th century.

#### Favourite place to visit?

Anywhere out in nature on a nice day by some water like the views from Sorrento Park, a nice café (luckily there are plenty in Dún Laoghaire) or travelling to see different county club hurling games.

## Jane Hackett in Concert

7pm, Friday 8 November, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire

Join violinist Jane Hackett to experience Dún Laoghaire's soundscape alongside members of Dublin Theatre of the Deaf. This multi-sensory concert will explore sound through movement and interaction, guiding the audience on a site-oriented journey in and around the dlr Lexlcon building.



Jane Hackett, dlr Musician in Residen

This performance is part of the Arts Office dlr Musician in Residence Programme, which is funded by The Arts Council and managed by Music Network. The Residency mentors are George Higgs and Lianne Quigley. Jane Hackett is a classical violinist and inclusive music practitioner, performing with Ireland's leading orchestras, chamber ensembles and recently devising musical works for those with varying auditory perceptions.

More details and ticket information will be available closer to the date from <a href="www.dlrcoco.ie/arts">www.dlrcoco.ie/arts</a> or email <a href="mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie">arts@dlrcoco.ie</a>

## **Crosscurrents**

Level 3, dlr LexIcon, Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. 7 September to 30 October, Admission Free

We're delighted to present Crosscurrents, an exhibition of new multimedia art works by artists from ArtNetdlr. Working collaboratively artists in a variety of disciplines responded to the theme of Crosscurrents. This theme lends itself to exploration across a wide and diverse range of ideas, artistic disciplines, form and media. Painting, print, sculpture, drawing, poetry, spoken word, video and multimedia are all included in the exhibition.



# Mary Burke: Moments of Domesticity — portraits of homes in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown & Róisín White: Safe Harbour

Level 3, dlr Lexicon, Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. Both exhibitions open 8 November, Admission Free

Mary Burke has made a series of portraits of eight homes of residents in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. The project is an attempt to capture slices of life as lived in the country at this moment in time. Roísín White's Safe Harbour explores our relationship with the sea as a place of leisure and play in familiarity, and the sea's power, strength and unpredictable nature. It looks specifically at the history of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour and our interactions with the bay. Through sculpture and photography, Róisín examines how we must hold both caution and comfort in our minds as we engage with these waters

These exhibitions are both part of public art commissions funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council's Public Art Programme.

## **Gallery Learning Programme**

The Gallery Learning Programme offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to explore the themes, artists, materials and techniques showcased in the Gallery. The programme includes artist talks, workshops, tours, demonstrations and special events.

Some of these events and workshops require booking so make sure and sign up for the arts office e-bulletin.

Email <u>arts@dlrcoco.ie</u> or phone (01) 236 2759 if you've any questions.

Workshops for adults are bookable on <a href="www.eventbrite.ie">www.eventbrite.ie</a> by searching for dlr Lexlcon Gallery.



Botanical Casting Workshop with Andrea Kavanagh on 12 October

## CBF 2024

We are delighted, and very excited, to bring you Children's Book Festival 2024, in all dlr Libraries this October. The annual Children's Book Festival helps spread the enjoyment of books

and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland. We've a great range of authors, illustrators and storytellers lined up with something for everyone on offer!

Our local schoolchildren will be dazzled by authors and illustrators including PJ Lynch, Fiona Longmuir, Juliette Saumande, Megan Wynne, Karen Harte, Sarah Webb, Alan Nolan, Natasha Mac A' Bháird, Helena Duggan, Eve McDonnell, Mary Murphy, Brían Dungan, and Anna James.

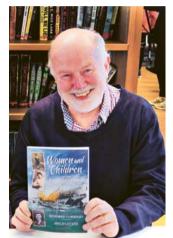
Make sure to check our website <u>libraries.dlrcoco.ie</u> for more information and event bookings.

## Remembering the RMS Leinster Irish Sea Tragedy with Philip Lecane

Thurs 10 October 2024, 1.00-2.00pm. Studio, dlr LexIcon. Suitable for adults. All welcome, no booking required.

On 10 October 1918, in the final weeks of the First World War, the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company steamship RMS Leinster

was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UB-123. The sinking resulted in the greatest ever loss of life in the Irish Sea and highest ever death toll on an Irish-owned ship. Attempting to return to Germany, UB-123 hit a minefield in the North Sea and was also lost along with its 36 crew. Those who were lost in the sinking of the RMS Leinster came from Ireland, Wales, England, Scotland, Guernsey, Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. The crew of UB-123 all came from Germany.







## **Murder One Festival 2024**

17-20 October. Studio dlr LexIcon.

Murder One, the International Crime Writing Festival, returns to dlr LexIcon from 18 - 20 October, with a dedicated day for Schools and young people on 17 October. The Murder One festival team look forward to welcoming you again to Dún Laoghaire's stunning dlr LexIcon venue.

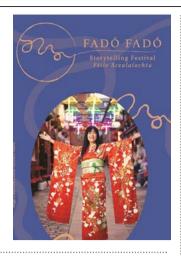
For more details including bookings, please see <u>murderone.ie</u> website.

Murder One Festival is supported by dlr Libraries and Arts Council funding.

## Fadó Fadó Storytelling Festival 2024

Sat 19 October - Sat 2 November

Join dlr Libraries this October for the third year of our annual storytelling festival, delivering a range of professional Irish and international storytellers for families, adults and schoolchildren to enjoy. Invited storytellers include Fiona Dowling, Baden Prince Junior, Masako Carey, Steve Lally, Senem Donatan Mohan and Pádraig Ó Briain. For more details, including bookings, check out our website at libraries.dlrcoco.ie or pick up a Fadó Fadó festival flyer in your local dlr Library.



## **You Can Quit — Free Support for Smokers**



Are you considering quitting smoking? Do you know somebody trying to kick the habit? Come along to one of our talks or visit our information stand and let the HSE Health Promotion team introduce you to the free supports that are available to all.

#### Talks: 10.30-11.30am

- Wed 23 October: dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire
- Fri 25 October: Shankill Library
- Wed 30 October: Dalkey Library

#### Pop-Up Information Stand: 10.30am-2.00pm

Wed 2 October: Deansgrange Library

## Club Leabhar Filíochta

Wed 30 October, 6.30-7.30pm, dlr Lexicon

Bíonn Club Leabhar Filíochta do dhaoine fásta ar siúl sa Lexlcon ar an gCéadaoin dheireanach ag 6.30pm. Faigh cnuasach an chlub, Leabhar na hAthghabhála, ar iasacht ón Lexlcon. Le tuilleadh eolais a fháil, agus chun cláraigh don chlub, cuir ríomhphost ag dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie nó glaoigh ag 01 280 1147.



## **Dublin Book Festival**

The Dublin Book Festival is back from 6 to 10 November with five days of literary and creative events for adults and children to enjoy, taking place at the main festival hub in The Printworks, Dublin Castle, and at venues around the city. On Saturday 9 November, dlr Libraries are delighted to partner with the festival team to host three events in the Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon in Dún Laoghaire.



## Sinéad Gleeson in conversation with Paula Shields

Sat 9 November, 11.00am-12.00pm. Studio, dlr LexIcon

## Rough Beast: Máiría Cahill in conversation with Olivia O'Leary

Sat 9 November, 1.00-2.00pm. Studio, dlr LexIcon.

## Ash Keys: Michael Longley in conversation with Olivia O'Leary

Sat 9 November, 3.00-4.00pm. Studio, dlr Lexlcon.

Explore the full programme and book your tickets at https://dublinbookfestival.com/explore-the-programme/

## dlr Libraries | **EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

## **Transformations** The Irish Guild of Embroiderers

10 September- 1 November. Level 3 & Level 4, dlr Lexicon.

The Guild was founded in 2000 to bring together like-minded people with an interest in textiles, particularly embroidery, and to share inspirations, ideas and techniques. Membership encompasses a wide



variety of textile skills, and levels of abilities from complete novices to more experienced embroiderers. Some teach and exhibit nationally and internationally; some sell their work or take commissions: others are total beginners or prefer to enjoy their art for themselves alone. It is this mix of abilities and unbounded enthusiasm that gives the group a great dynamic atmosphere.



## Ahoy, Young **Explorers!** Welcome to the Ouzel Galley Adventure!

1 October – 29 November, Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon

Discover the legend! Step back in time to 1695 and set sail on an incredible journey with the legendary ship, the Ouzel Galley. This magical exhibition brings to life the exciting story of a ship that left Dublin Bay over 300 years ago. Discover what happened to the ship and its brave crew through the illustrations of artist Bex Shelford. Associated events on Sat 12 October. See our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie for more details.

## **Girls in Crisis** Photo exhibition by Plan International Ireland

11 October – 1 November. Level 3, dlr Lexicon.



Plan International Ireland, the development and humanitarian organisation advancing children's rights and equality for girls, is marking International Day of the Girl (11 October) with a powerful photographic exhibition. Girls in Crisis aims to raise awareness about the specific challenges faced by girls and young women dealing with conflict and displacement in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan through compelling visual stories. Girls are disproportionately impacted by conflict, with displacement often forcing them to drop out of school and putting them at greater risk of child marriage, sexual and gender-based violence and trafficking. For more information about Plan's work, visit plan.ie.

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